

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

This budget provides for the County's contribution to the Williamsburg-James City County Health Department, a State agency with shared funding. The department offers a wide range of preventive, diagnostic, and rehabilitative medical and health services to all County residents, regardless of age, sex, race, or income whenever the need arises. The Health Department provides those health services that are mandated to include immunization, sexually transmitted diseases and environmental health services. Nurses provide Home Care following hospitalization and for homebound patients. Sanitarians inspect all eating establishments, train all food handlers, supervise the installation and proper operation of septic tanks, inspect housing, and provide rabies surveillance for all animal bites. Other clinical services are provided by a not-for-profit corporation, Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Corporation (WAMAC). The Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Corporation is funded by local jurisdictions, the local hospital, local businesses, and the State Health Department. It is staffed by volunteer physicians and paid administrative and nursing staff. The Corporation focuses on family practice to low-income families who have no or limited access for their health care needs. Local funds are also used to primarily provide prenatal care.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 02 Budget	FY 03 Adopted	FY 04 Adopted
Public Health Contribution	\$ 226,036	\$ 214,884	\$ 223,479
Local Effort – Insurance	3,454	3,454	3,454
WAMAC	290,000	290,000	290,000
CHIP	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total Public Health	\$ <u>534,490</u>	\$ <u>523,338</u>	\$ <u>531,933</u>

BUDGET COMMENTS

The funding for public health generally reflects the County's utilization of the regional Public Health Department, and Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Corporation (WAMAC). The local required funding for the Health Department decreases by 4.9 percent. The County's General Fund contribution to WAMAC remains level with an additional \$12,000 appropriation from Revenue Maximization funding shown on Page F-1. Level funding is proposed for the Comprehensive Health Investment Program (CHIP), who will also receive revenue maximization funds of \$25,000.